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TO: IMMEDIATE WHITE HOUSE//SITUATION ROOM FOR MR MCMAHIS.

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CIA REP, TREASURY DEPT//INOF FOR MR JOHN YEO.

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DATE: 9 MARCH 1974

SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV PRESS STRESSES TITO'S ACTIVITIES

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TWO ITEMS IN THE YUGOSLAV NEWS MEDIA OF MARCH 9 APPEAR INTENDED TO SCOTCH RUMORS THAT PRESIDENT TITO IS IN POOR HEALTH. BOTH WERE FILED FROM KARADJORDJEVO, WHERE TITO IS RESTING AT A HUNTING LODGE.

ONE STORY STATES THAT TITO RECEIVED PREMIER BIJEDIC ON 4 MARCH A PRIOR TO BIJEDIC'S DEPARTURE ON A TRIP ABROAD. THE OTHER 3 REPORTS THAT THE PRESIDENT CHAIRED A SESSION OF THE YUGOSLAV 2 PARTY'S EXECUTIVE BUREAU ON MARCH 9.

1 LOCAL PRESS SOURCES HAVE STRESSED THAT CONTINUING RUMORS

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ABOUT TITO'S HEALTH HAVE ORIGINATED OUTSIDE YUGOSLAVIA. FOLLOW-
ING THE PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH BIJEDIC, A SPOKESMAN OF THE
YUGOSLAV FOREIGN MINISTRY TOLD AN AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT "IT WAS
FORTUNATE" THAT TITO RECEIVED THE PREMIER BECAUSE THIS ACTIVITY
WOULD HELP OFFSET UNFOUNDED RUMORS CIRCULATED BY REUTERS. E-2
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